

ALL HONOR MEMORY OF COL. ROOSEVELT

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Enthusiastic Gathering of Foreign Born Citizens Pays Tribute.

BIG BROOKLYN MEETING

Patriotic Pageant One of Many Events Marking 63d Birth Anniversary.

A hundred organizations in and around New York paid tribute yesterday to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt and held aloft his deeds and character for the inspiration of Americans upon the occasion of the sixty-third anniversary of his birth. Great and humble, old and young participated in the ceremonies. Boy Scouts went wild with enthusiasm at the mention of his name; children for whom he used to play Santa Claus at Christmas time sang songs and placed flowers upon his grave at Oyster Bay; statesmen, warriors and leaders in all walks of public life pledged themselves anew to the ideals for which he fought.

The principal meetings were the Boy Scouts' celebration at the Hotel Commodore and a great mass meeting of the Roosevelt Club of Brooklyn in the Academy of Music last night, and a patriotic pageant under auspices of the Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association in Carnegie Hall, in the afternoon.

Important among the day's announcements were the plans of the Roosevelt Memorial Association for the coming year. President William Boyce Thompson made public the personnel of an architects' committee, including C. Grant La Farge, Frederick Law Olmstead and Lorado Taft, to confer with the trustees regarding the erection of the memorial monument in Washington. The association's bureau of Roosevelt research and information announced the forthcoming publication of two new books on Roosevelt—"Roosevelt in the Bad Lands," the story of his Western career, written by Hermann Hagedorn, and "Roosevelt and the Kansas City Star," being an authorized version of the Colonel's editorials, with an introduction by Ralph E. Stout, managing editor of the Star.

A book dealing with Roosevelt's boyhood and youth, and another containing extracts from his writings, are

being prepared for use in schools, it was stated.

Theodore Roosevelt was the ideal Boy Scout for all young America to follow. Will Hays, Postmaster General, told more than 1,000 Boy Scouts last night at the ballroom of the Hotel Commodore, where the Greater New York Council of Boy Scouts held its memorial exercises.

Hermann Hagedorn, author of numerous works upon Roosevelt, read a memorial. Justice James C. Crosey of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, presiding over the exercises, said that the celebration was the greatest since the death of the hero. "Theodore Roosevelt was a true friend of Great Britain, and his name is greatly respected there. If the Boy Scouts of America will follow the example set by Theodore Roosevelt, I am sure their greatest dreams will be more than realized."

Admiral Lord David Beatty dropped in upon the meeting unexpectedly, and became the honorary hero of the scouts. He was cheered, and called upon for a speech.

"I am glad to be able to be here and extend to the Boy Scouts of America the greetings of the Sea and the Scouts of Great Britain," he said. "Theodore Roosevelt was a true friend of Great Britain, and his name is greatly respected there. If the Boy Scouts of America will follow the example set by Theodore Roosevelt, I am sure their greatest dreams will be more than realized."

Nearly 1,000 Boy Scouts will make a pilgrimage to Oyster Bay to-morrow when they will join the Boy Scouts of the Colonel's home community in the principal celebration there.

Job E. Hedges and Raymond Robbins were the speakers last night at a memorial meeting held by the Roosevelt Club of Brooklyn in the Academy of Music.

William Hamlin Childs presided, and the Brooklyn Orchestral Society, with Herbert J. Graham conducting, played selections from the life of the hero. The Academy was filled to the last seat in the highest gallery.

It was as the great energizer of his countrymen throughout his singularly active life that Mr. Hedges extolled Theodore Roosevelt, while Mr. Robbins insisted that the main appeal of the man was the appeal to all that was courageous and fine in youth. They agreed between them that fifty years must pass before a sound biography of Col. Roosevelt could be written, as in this generation his memory was too vivid and the impress of his personality too strong on those who had lived in the times he lived.

"People are fond of remembering Theodore Roosevelt as a statesman and have the habit of extolling him as a genius," said Mr. Hedges, "but for my part I like best to think of him as an active, decent, energetic, wholesome man. Washington was the great creator of American ideals and of the American nation, Lincoln was the great preserver and Roosevelt the great energizer and stimulator."

A number of people disagreed with him on everything, a number of others disliked him positively and a certain number of others hated him sincerely. But they all knew he was alive. Even when he voiced sentiments that they disapproved or committed acts, political or otherwise, which they deplored, he made them think whether they disliked and ignored them or not. You could not pass Theodore Roosevelt up, if he had been all wrong in everything he did or tried to do he would have been of enormous use to his country by the very way in which he made people sit down and ponder the things he was saying and do-

ing. And since he was wrong only a part of the time he was of use to the country. He was of use to the country because he was of use to the country.

"He was the great energizer in the sense that he was all through the country all the time and he was the great stimulator in that he stirred every one to think out for himself just what it meant to be an American and why he was one and how good or bad a one he proposed to be."

It was the stirring examples to youth of his own and the generations after it that Theodore Roosevelt chose to see Col. Roosevelt as of the greatest value to his country.

"One has to be at least twenty-five years of age to begin to comprehend Washington," he said, "and older than that before he can have much understanding of the mind and soul of Lincoln. But Theodore Roosevelt appeals from the cradle to the grave. Every boy and growing man turns with joy to the thought of Roosevelt as the spirit of courageous adventure and quest of youth."

Nowhere in the city was there a more enthusiastic gathering of citizens to do homage than that of the new Americans who met under auspices of the League of Foreign Born Citizens at 123 Second avenue, in the East Side. To the adoration of that spirit of the world who saw in Roosevelt the personification of the hope and opportunity that America means to them, were added the tributes of Gov. Miller, Vice-President Calvin Coolidge and nearly every member of President Harding's Cabinet.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., sent a message in which he indorsed the Americanization work of the league, and said: "The keynote of my father's life was Americanism. Our country will stand or fall dependent upon our ability to educate our people in the ideals and aims of this Republic."

Gov. Miller wrote: "The appeal of Col. Roosevelt's character, in its fine and wholesome grain, its ambition and daring, its sympathy with manly sport to American youth, should not be overlooked, and it will be stimulating to patriotism to review the deeds and personal qualities of an eminent American who drew his chief inspiration from his country's institutions and was himself a demonstration of their value."

Tribute From Secretary Davis. "As one of America's hosts of foreign born citizens, James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor telegraphed, "Roosevelt's thought—one country, one flag and one language—expresses the sentiment of all those who have at heart the unity and unity of our Government. No further programme for Americanization could be planned than that of furthering the principles spoken and lived by the greatest American citizen of his age."

Vice-President Coolidge telegraphed: "There is no more worthy effort for an American than paying tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt on his birthday. He was a statesman of broadest sympathies, a successful soldier, an author of deep vision and above all a patriot. He represented the great achievement of American ideals. Those who study him will find a life filled with actions which they will admire and examples which will inspire them for a greater sacrifice for the common welfare of their country."

Secretary Hughes's message read: "No American has more effectively voiced the sentiment of sound Americanism or incited that whole-hearted acceptance of our institutions and undivided allegiance of American ideals which should distinguish every American, native or naturalized. Col. Roosevelt's unsurpassed service in bringing home to all our people and especially to our foreign born citizens the privileges and duties of American citizenship should be fittingly recognized, and on this anniversary we pay tribute to him as one of the most illustrious Americans whose memory is a constant inspiration to patriotic effort."

"The ideals, the manhood and statesmanship of Theodore Roosevelt will ever lead, inspire and influence our national life. Few Americans have left so lasting an impression."

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon wrote: "Theodore Roosevelt was a con-

sistent advocate of a citizenship that stood for one country, one flag and one language. For men and women of foreign birth who were American citizens by choice he had most wholesome respect. Few men who have played such an important part in our public life have demonstrated so conclusively their genuine friendship for those of other lands who have come within our gates with the determination to assume the responsibilities as well as the privileges of American citizenship."

"To my mind it is most fitting that the foreign born citizens of this great Republic should pay tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt on the anniversary of the sixty-third anniversary of his birth. In doing so gracious thing you honor yourselves as well as your adopted land. On this occasion it may interest you to know that the Treasury Department has arranged to use the portrait of Mr. Roosevelt on a forthcoming issue of twenty-five dollar saving securities to be offered to the public in 1922."

Henry Payne, editor of the Forum, and Arthur Lampert addressed the meeting. Nathaniel Phillips, president of the League of Foreign Born Citizens, presided.

A patriotic pageant, symbolizing what America offers the immigrant and the duties immigrants owe the country of their adoption, was given in Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon under auspices of the Woman's Roosevelt Association. The big auditorium was filled with an audience which applauded eulogies of the former President by Miss Clara B. Spence and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the Colonel's sister. Mrs. Nathan L. Miller, wife of the Governor, was present as the guest of honor.

Mrs. John Henry Hammond, the chairman, explained that about \$150,000 was still needed to complete the restoration of Col. Roosevelt's birthplace at 23 East Twentieth street, which the association intends shall be a permanent memorial and a centre for the propagation of Americanism. Pledges for several thousand dollars were received from persons in the audience, including one of \$1,000 from Mrs. Robinson.

Mrs. Hammond read a letter from Mrs. Warren G. Harding, in which the wife of the President said: "I take sincere pleasure in expressing my great interest in the work of your association in its effort to restore the birthplace of Theodore Roosevelt. May Roosevelt House always be kept as a fitting memorial of that great man's true Americanism and a place of pilgrimage sacred and inspiring to the rest of the country."

The association was presented with an American flag by Raymond J. Knoepfel, president of the New York Rotary Club. The pageant, which was presented by the Wadsworth Roosevelt Memorial Association, assisted by the Music School Settlement orchestra, was written by Julie M. Morrow, and 300 high school girls took part.

Before the Carnegie Hall meeting the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association gave a luncheon at the Colony Club with Mrs. Miller as its guest. There the Countess of Sandwich, who previously had laid a wreath upon Roosevelt's grave, represented British Roosevelt societies, which, she said, are raising memorial funds largely in recognition of his stand for the allied cause during the war.

The trustees of the Roosevelt Memorial Association announced last night the following trustees elected to take place of A. T. Hart, E. C. Converse and Franklin K. Lane, deceased: R. J. Cuddihy, publisher of the Literary Digest; Dr. Alexander Lambert, for years the personal physician of Col. Roosevelt; Arthur W. Page, editor of World's Work; E. A. Van Valkenburg, publisher of the Philadelphia North American; Albert Shaw, editor of Review of Reviews; and Horace Willson of Syracuse. New members of the executive committee include Lawrence F. Abbott, R. J. Cuddihy, Elton H. Hooker, Arthur W. Page, Gifford Pinchot and Mark Sullivan. The present officers were continued, with the addition of Postmaster-General Will H. Hays as a second vice-president.

Gov. Nathan L. Miller was the principal speaker at a memorial dinner of the Nassau County Republican Club at Garden City, L. I., other speakers being Lyman Abbott, the Rev. Fr. Bernard York, Theodore Roosevelt and Robert L. Bacon, toastmaster.

Miller Pays Tribute.

"The healing effect of time is so manifest," the Governor said, "that friend and foe alike acclaim Theodore Roosevelt to-day as one of the three greatest Americans that America has produced. Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt stand out in the history of America as the three greatest figures in the three greatest epochs. They were not alike except that they were supremely great. Great men rise above mistakes. I think that Roosevelt never went down, either as the result of a mistake or of any untoward event, whether of his causing or not."

"No circumstance, no miscarriage, no event, whatever it was, really affected or could affect the destiny of that man or the place he held in the hearts of Americans."

"I think there are very few people who entertain any doubt whatever that had he lived until 1920 he would have led the Republican party to victory. No one but a great man could have done that, because a little man cannot survive defeat; but to one who has the qualities of greatness it really doesn't matter in the long run how a particular event may turn out. Future Americans, the youth of America, men and women, will more and more study that life and learn from it the great lesson that has been preached here to-night—of service."

ROOSEVELT'S AIMS IN WAR RECALLED

Gen. Harbord Tells of Colonel's Plan to Raise Division of Volunteers.

Boston, Oct. 27.—The plan of Theodore Roosevelt to raise a division of volunteers for service overseas in 1917 was recalled to-night, with collateral details, in an address by Major-General James G. Harbord, acting Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Gen. Harbord, who delivered the principal address at the annual Roosevelt day dinner of the Middlesex Club, was to have commanded one brigade of the division had it been formed.

Reviewing the development of the idea of a volunteer division, the speaker said his personal acquaintance with Col. Roosevelt began in 1915, soon after the sinking of the Lusitania, when he foresaw that America would eventually be drawn into the war, and began his plans for a division which he hoped to be allowed to command when war should come.

"For two years he carried on his plans, enrolling men, studying military matters and arranging to start the organization at the moment after war was declared. In March, 1917, he had completed, through agencies which I was able to control for him from the Army War College, where I was a student, complete regulations ready to be signed, for everything his division would need to take the field. He hoped to be authorized to raise the division at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, a region where he could rally around him the hardy Western types which won fame twenty years before as the Rough Riders. The lamented Augustus P. Gardner was to have been a brigade adjutant in the organization."

"How Col. Roosevelt was denied the opportunity of raising the volunteers Congress had authorized is well known to you. How wise or how wicked it was we cannot judge."

"That the selective draft was an infinitely better way to raise soldiers cannot be doubted. That the name and infectious enthusiasm would have meant the equivalent of thousands of men to the allied cause is equally certain. How good a subordinate he would have made after nearly eight years as Commander in Chief, how well his personality would have fitted into the difficult diplomatic situation in which the patient tact of Gen. Pershing was strained to its utmost only divine omniscience can know."

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